



CELTIC CROSS
BY
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Last Autumn, sculptor Robert Bassler visited Iona, a tiny Hebridean island off the west coast of Scotland, known primarily as the birthplace of Scottish Christianity and the burial ground of many kings.

Moved by the primal beauty of this rugged coastal landscape, Bassler communed with his ancestral and spiritual roots. He was impressed by the few ancient stone crosses which survive on Iona, icons that have withstood more than a thousand years of weather and warring.

These Celtic crosses with their unique intersecting circles (said to represent eternity) fascinated the artist as an aesthetic variant of the Four Directions Mandala motif, a recurrent theme in many of his past works.

Inspired by his experiences in Scotland, Bassler's creative impulse focused once again on the cross/circle theme. The resulting sculpture stands ten feet tall and is constructed of recycled clear Douglas Fir boards saved from a recent renovation project at the church. "Celtic Cross" is a contemporary interpretation of the ancient symbol and his first use of the image in a specifically Christian context.

You are invited to attend the unveiling
and dedication of a new sculpture
CELTIC CROSS
commissioned for the Meditation
Garden
at the

KIRK O'THE VALLEY

Sunday, March 28th, 1993

The ceremony will take place
during the 10:00 AM Worship Service

A reception will follow at 11:30 AM

*This is my personal invitation
to you as a member. So many
things are happening that we
want to share.....here is a good
chance to reach out and invite
some one you know to this special
event at our Church.*

Your friend and Pastor,

Robert Gean